

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 16, 2005

IN RE:

PETITION OF FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FOR A DECLARATORY RULING

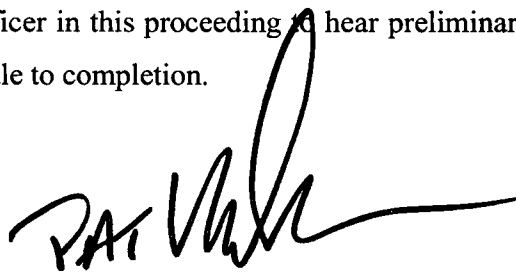
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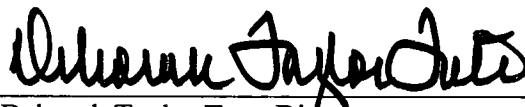
ORDER CONVENING A CONTESTED CASE PROCEEDING
AND APPOINTING A HEARING OFFICER

This matter came before Chairman Pat Miller, Director Deborah Taylor Tate and Director Sara Kyle of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the "Authority"), the voting panel assigned to this docket, at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on December 13, 2004 for consideration of the *Petition of Frontier Communications, Inc. for Declaratory Ruling That It Can Provide Competing Services in Territory Currently Served by Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.* ("Petition") filed on October 26, 2004. On December 8, 2004, Ben Lomand Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc. filed an answer and motion to dismiss in this matter. During the December 13, 2004 Authority Conference, the panel voted unanimously to convene a contested case proceeding in this matter to determine the issues set forth in the *Petition* and to appoint the Authority's General Counsel or his designee to act as the Hearing Officer in this proceeding to hear preliminary matters prior to the Hearing and to set a procedural schedule to completion.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Pat Miller, Chairman



Deborah Taylor Tate, Director



Sara Kyle, Director